

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 2-11 are pending in this application. The Examiner rejected Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and indicated that Claims 4-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been cancelled and Claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, and 11 have been amended in the foregoing amendment.

Claims 2-5 Are Not Anticipated by UK Patent No. 660,456

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-3 as anticipated by United Kingdom Patent No. 660,456 ("UK Patent '456"). The Applicants traverse this rejection for the reasons discussed below.

Claim 2

Amended Claim 2 recites, among other elements, a link (22) formed with a plurality of operation holes (21) receiving the operating pin (12) of the operating louver (8) and the operating pin (12) of the train louver (9), the link transmitting motion of the operating louver to the train louver so that the operating louver and the train louver jointly shut the supply opening at a swing limit of the operating louver in a manner such that the one margin of the operating louver and the one margin of the train louver meet each other, wherein that gaps (A) between the operation holes (21) on the link are set so as to be larger than gap (B) between a line connecting the shaft pins of the operating louver and the operating pin of the operating louver, the operating pin of the operating louver being located at the one margin of the operating louver.

UK Patent No. 660,456 discloses a louver type ventilator having a weather fillet 6 which links the operating louver (the lowermost holder 2 and slat 1) with the train louver. When the louvers are shut, the operating pin 7 of the operating louver is located at the opposite side of the train louver as shown in Figs. 2 and 4 (page 4, lines 67-72). UK Patent No. 660,456 fails to disclose the operating pin of the operating louver being located at the one margin of the operating louver, as required by amended Claim 2. Thus, UK Patent No.

660,456 does not anticipate amended Claim 2. Accordingly, amended Claim 2 should be allowed.

Claims 3-5

Claims 3-5 depend from amended Claim 2. The remarks made above in support of the patentability of the independent Claim 2 are equally applicable to distinguish the dependent claims from UK Patent No. 660,456. Accordingly, Claims 3-5 should also be allowed.

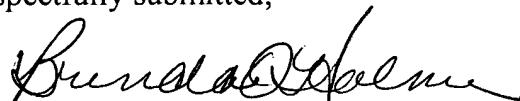
Claims 6-11

The Examiner indicated that Claims 4-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 6 has been amended in independent form to include in essence all of the limitations of the base claim, cancelled Claim 1. Claims 7-11 depend from amended Claim 6. Accordingly, Claims 6-11 should also be allowed.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. This application should now be in condition for allowance, and the Applicants solicit a notice to that effect. If there are any issues that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at 404.685.6799.

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